

## **A SUMMER OF MUSIC AND OPERA IN ITALY - 2016**

**Music is in the air all over Italy during this summer, balmy nights and vibrant entertainment for all tastes. Here is a selection of the main music and opera events.**

### **RAVELLO CONCERTS, in Ravello, Amalfi Coast**

Villa Rufolo, Ravello –18 Mar - 31 Oct 2016

[www.ravelloarts.org](http://www.ravelloarts.org)



Spanning from Spring to Autumn, far from the tourist crowds, Ravello becomes the favourite destination for those who love the silence of its Villas and its medieval churches. In that time, an audience of music lovers meet every year to listen to the concerts held in the gardens and the rooms of Villa Rufolo, famous for having inspired Wagner for the setting of his Parsifal.

### **MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO FESTIVAL**

Teatro Comunale – Florence – 24 April – 30 June 2016

[www.operadifirenze.it](http://www.operadifirenze.it)

This is one of the oldest traditional cultural events in Florence. The Stabile Orchestrale Fiorentina was born in 1928 and in 1933 it organized the first edition of the Festival, which, over the years grew to international fame. The Festival has its own Ballet Company called Maggio Dance.

### **RAVENNA FESTIVAL**

Ravenna, 13 May – 23 July 2016

[www.ravennafestival.org](http://www.ravennafestival.org)

The city of Ravenna, once the capital of the Western Roman Empire, hosts a summer music festival each year in its many theatres and churches. The Byzantine basilicas, cloisters and piazzas provide a superb backdrop combining art and music. The Ravenna Festival attracts the finest artists and opera companies in the world and this edition will include apart from opera and classical music also dance, jazz, films and exhibitions.

### **FESTIVAL DEI DUE MONDI**

Spoletto – 24 June- 10 July 2016

[www.festivaldispoletto.com](http://www.festivaldispoletto.com)



This international art, culture and music festival is regarded as one of the most important cultural events in Italy. Its program distinguishes itself for outstanding original, innovative and, at times, exclusive performances.

### **FOLKFEST**

Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto region, 23 June – 11 July 2016

[www.folkest.com](http://www.folkest.com).

The festival is performed in 30 different towns in the Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia regions in North-East Italy. The programme is bursting with culture and includes artists from India, Canada, South America, Hungary, USA, Israel etc. Concerts will be held in the area's villas, castles and villages.

### **SUED-TIROL JAZZ FESTIVAL ALTO ADIGE**

South-Tyrol, 24 June- 3 July 2016

[www.suedtiroljazzfestival.com](http://www.suedtiroljazzfestival.com)

One of the most important music festivals Europe-wide is taking place over eight days with the finest jazz music performed by internationally acclaimed musicians in various venues in four of South Tyrol's major towns. The most varied concerts comprising a mixture of the traditional and the modern will take place in the refined atmosphere of South Tyrol's castles and manor houses, and also in towns and squares in the balmy summer air.

### **ARENA DI VERONA**

Verona – 24 June – 28 August 2016

[www.arena.it](http://www.arena.it)



The International Opera Festival, now in its 94<sup>th</sup> edition presents a rich calendar of events. The operas to be performed this year are: Aida, Carmen, La Traviata, Turandot, Il Trovatore. Arena di Verona welcomes once again artists and public in its magnificent setting.

### **SOUNDS OF THE DOLOMITES**

Trentino Region,

From 2 July to 26 August 2016

[www.isuonidelledolomiti.it](http://www.isuonidelledolomiti.it)

Sounds of the Dolomites is a trek along the paths of nature and art towards a horizon that opens to the vibrations and echoes of all the music in the world. Everyone sets off together, music and mountain lovers, musicians and the public. The walk continues step by step towards the summit. The concert, at the end of the walk, is an encounter with art and nature. The musician carries his instrument on his shoulder, sits on the grass or rock and plays in the centre of the public, in a natural venue.

### **UMBRIA JAZZ**

Umbria

8-17 July 2016

[www.umbriajazz.com](http://www.umbriajazz.com)

This is the summer edition of this important cultural event in the region of Umbria that brings together two apparently contradictory elements: the music of the New World – jazz – and the scenery and Medieval buildings of the towns in Umbria, Perugia and Orvieto (winter edition). The concerts take place in the towns' historic centres creating a unique atmosphere.

### **ESTATE MUSICALE CHIGIANA**

Siena, Montalcino, Asciano

8 July- 31 August 2016

[www.chigiana.it](http://www.chigiana.it)

The churches, abbeys and theatres of the province and city of Siena are the enchanting settings for the Chigiana Summer, featuring maestros of international music. The yearly rich concert programme is bolstered by students from the "Alto Perfezionamento" courses that are held in the historic seat of the

Accademia during the months of July and August, frequented each year by around 600 talented young musicians from more than 50 countries.

### **62nd PUCCINI FESTIVAL**

Torre del Lago – 15 July – 13 August 2016

[www.puccinifestival.it](http://www.puccinifestival.it)



Torre del Lago hosts the Festival Puccini, created by Puccini himself, since 1930. The outdoor theatre, close to Villa Mausoleo where the Master's remains lie, is an amazing setting to enjoy the music of one of the most outstanding and esteemed Italian artists worldwide. Operas on show in 2016 are: Madame Butterfly, Tosca, La Boheme and Turandot.

### **FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT MUSIC**

Urbino, Marche

16 July – 15 August 2016

The Urbino Ancient Music Festival usually starts with a concert in the magnificent courtyard of the Palazzo Ducale. Other concerts will be held in various location in the Capital of the Renaissance, Urbino, including St Francis Church. More info on this and other events in Urbino at: [www.fima-online.org](http://www.fima-online.org)

### **SFERISTERIO OPERA FESTIVAL**

Macerata, 22 July –13 August 2016

[www.sferisterio.it](http://www.sferisterio.it)

This will be the 52nd edition of the Festival and it will stage : Othello, Norma, Il Trovatore. The Opera Festival is hosted almost entirely in the magnificent theatre-shaped Sferisterio, unique in its architectural genre. Designed in 1823 by architect Ireneo Aleandri, it derives its name and its half-circumference shaped plan from the name of the game played inside: the “armband ball” or Pallone col bracciale.

### **ROSSINI OPERA FESTIVAL**

Pesaro, 8-20 August 2016

[www.rossinioperafestival.it](http://www.rossinioperafestival.it)



This festival is entirely dedicated to the music and operas of Goacchino Rossini, who was born in the Le Marche city of Pesaro. This year will be the 37th edition of the festival and the programme includes: La donna del lago, Il Turco in Italia, Ciro in Babilonia and Youth Festival.

### **MUSICAL EVENINGS AT THE PARCO SCULTURE DEL CHIANTI**

Pievasciata (Siena), 5 July – 30 August 2016

[www.chiantisculpturepark.it](http://www.chiantisculpturepark.it)

The programme of summer music at the amphitheatre in the Parco Sculture del Chianti will start on 5 July with the Mismountain Boys to conclude on 30 August with the jazz duo Stefanie Boltz and Paulo Morello, all in the magical atmosphere of the Parco.

### **55th STRESA FESTIVAL**

Stresa 19 Jul- 6 Sep 2016

[www.stresafestival.eu](http://www.stresafestival.eu)

Stresa Festival opens its doors to the public continuing its tradition of excellent music, art and culture, held in a number of venues around Lake Maggiore, Lake Orta, Val d'Ossola on various dates.

### **ANDREA BOCELLI RECITAL "LE CIRQUE" - TEATRO DEL SILENZIO**

Lajatico in Tuscany

30 July 2016

[www.teatrodelsilenzio.it](http://www.teatrodelsilenzio.it)



Andrea Bocelli will sing at this annual appointment for lovers of good music and opera at the magic open air Teatro del Silenzio (Theatre of Silence) in Lajatico, Tuscany on 30 July .

### **MUSICA RIVA FESTIVAL**

Riva del Garda – Jul-Aug 2016

[www.musicarivafestival.com](http://www.musicarivafestival.com)

This is a music festival of the highest level entertaining the audience with performances and events and which represent a fundamental meeting point for young musicians from around the world. The event puts in the spotlight artists of diverse origins from classical music to dance and includes a competition dedicated to the musician Riccardo Zandonai.

### **17th EDITION OF SUMMER JAMBOREE**

Senigallia, Marche

30 Jul- 9 Aug 2016

[www.summerjamboree.com](http://www.summerjamboree.com)



This music Festival is dedicated to the music and culture in America in the '40s and '50s with live concerts of dj set swing, rock'n'roll, jive, doo-wop, rhythm'n'blues, hill-billy e western swing .Stands will sell: juke box, hats, gadgets, guitars, vynils, CDs and other objects of that era. There will also be a '40s and '50s classic cars show.

### **SAGRA MUSICALE MALATESTIANA**

Rimini,

30August – 13 September 2016

[www.sagramusicalemalatestiana.it](http://www.sagramusicalemalatestiana.it)

The Sagra Musicale Malatestiana has hosted the most prestigious conductors, soloists and orchestra's of international music and it is one of the most precious cultural and civic heritage as well as a prestigious cultural event, among the most long-lived in Italy

### **MITO SETTEMBRE MUSICA**

Turin and Milan

2-22 September 2016 – various locations in Turin and Milan

[www.mitosettembremusica.it](http://www.mitosettembremusica.it)

This is a major festival developed from the thirty years experience of Settembre Musica which connects Turin and Milan, in a programme of refined and stirring concerts: the world's best orchestras, baroque opera, medieval music, the great maestros of contemporary music and the music from the most distant places; jazz, open-air shows, night-time concerts...

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